

35.C15046

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
RITSUKO OTAKE ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith ) :  
For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL ) :  
APPARATUS, IMAGE OUTPUT :  
CONTROL METHOD, AND ) :  
STORAGE MEDIUM : January 18, 2001

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter  
the following amendments to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 14, as follows:

Claim 14:

Line 1, change "apparatus" to --method--.

REMARKS

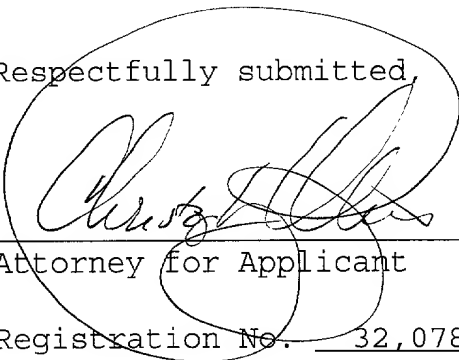
The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with the application papers.

Claims 1 to 28 are now presented for examination. Claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 22 and 28 are independent. Claim 14 has been amended to improve the form of the claim. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the application and early passage to issue respectfully are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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